Connecting Jour Figures

Grant Provides Materials for Science Experiments

Science is Elementary (SiE), a hands-on science-based enrichment program at Virginia Williamson School in Supply, is using funds from a FOCUS Broadband Community Connections grant to expand their program to include first and second grade students.

The program consists of 60 volunteers who are dedicated to mentoring and teaching students to explore, learn, and solve problems using science.

"We were very ecstatic when we learned about winning the grant," comments Rick Espinoza, SiE volunteer. "Education is the key for our kids. If we can get one or two students from Virginia Williamson to attend college and become an engineer, a biologist, or a doctor, our hearts are made."

FOCUS Broadband has awarded over \$1 million in community and education grants since the program's inception in 2006.



We will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 for

Memorial Day

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Town of Marietta Recognized as a Smart Rural Community



Emily Miller presents designation to Mayor Walter Powell and town representatives.

The Town of Marietta is the newest recipient of the Smart Rural Community designation presented by FOCUS Broadband! This designation highlights projects that make rural communities vibrant places to live and do business through the implementation of innovative broadband solutions.

Marietta received this recognition because of the work that FOCUS Broadband has done to install a state-of-the-art fiber network used to serve residents and businesses in this rural Robeson County community.

This work was made possible using funds made available

through the NC DIT GREAT Grant program. Additional federal and state funded grant projects are underway within Robeson County. To learn more about these projects visit fasterrobeson.com.

Need Help Paying for Internet Service?

The FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program may have come to an end, but FOCUS Broadband is here to help families in need stay connected through our Lifeline Match program.

Lifeline Match provides an additional \$9.25 discount for families who qualify for the \$9.25 discount from FCC's Federal Lifeline program. When combined, that's a total benefit of \$18.50 that can be applied to your FOCUS Broadband Internet service.

You may qualify for a Lifeline discount if your household is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines or you receive any of the following benefits: Federal Public Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI or Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit.

To find out more about Lifeline qualification and enrollment visit focusbroadband.com/lifelinematch.

*Limited to one enrollment per household.

2024 Commencement Ceremonies

Look to FOCUS Broadband TV for complete live coverage of Brunswick County Schools' high school graduations. Watch each ceremony live on our Facebook page or tune into FOCUS Broadband TV channel 3 to see your favorite graduate cross the stage!

Graduation Schedule

Brunswick Early College High School Friday, May 17th @ 5 PM

> North Brunswick High School Monday, June 3rd @ 9 AM

> South Brunswick High School Tuesday, June 4th @ 9 AM

> West Brunswick High School Wednesday, June 5th @ 9 AM

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More and more people are choosing to cut the cord and embrace streaming services for their entertainment needs. And with FOCUS Broadband, you have reliable, fast internet to make cord cutting easy. Reasons for cutting the cable cord vary, ranging from rising monthly programming costs, to having options for more personalized content online.

While there are numerous options available, if you're looking to maintain access to local channels, we recommend exploring YouTube TV, Hulu + Live TV, or FuboTV. These popular streaming services range in price from \$70 to \$80 per month, offer multiple simultaneous streams, and include DVR storage.

We're here to help guide you through the cord-cutting process! To learn more about how you can use your FOCUS Broadband internet service for streaming and see all the streaming options available to you, visit focusbroadband.com/streamingoptions.